(b) Does not arise.

Literature for Children

@2259. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme for preparation of Literature for children with a view to making children good citizens by acquainting them with the splendid past and glorious history of India and for its development and promotion ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether the assistance of voluntary social organisations would be sought as are already working in this field ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) Already a number of programmes are under implementation for preparation of literature for children with a view, *inter-alia*, to making them good citizens by acquainting them with the history and great common cultural heritage of India and the value systems represented in it. Some of the relevant programmes which are in operation are as follows :

1. *Schemes for publication of books*

The National Book Trust is stepping up its activities under the Nehru Bal Pustakalaya scheme for production of children's literature in different languages. These books are inexpensive, and in the choice of titles emphasis has been placed on Indian culture, the freedom movement, life and works of outstanding Indians and excerpts from the works of great Indian writers, along with other appropriate themes and subjects. Other organisations including NCERT and the Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, also bring out suitable materials for children.

2. *Operation Blackboard*

Under the scheme of Operation Blackboard, the Central Government provides a Library of about 200 books in primary schools.

3. *Assistance to voluntary agencies*

Under the scheme of Innovative and Experimental projects of the Deptt. of Education, assistance is being given to voluntary agencies, *inter-alia*, for developing children's literature.

4. *Exploratory scheme of NBT*

The National Book Trust has introduced an exploratory scheme to encourage private publishers and voluntary agencies to produce books for children.

5. *Children Book Fairs, Seminar & Workshops*

Children Book Fairs, Seminars and Workshops for those concerned in the production of children's literature are organised through the National Book Trust.

Ascertaining the membership strength of Employees' Association in KVS after recognition

2260. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3321 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th March, 1989 and state :

(a) what is the procedure and proforma for ascertaining membership strength after recognition for

@Previously Unstarred Question 1812 transferred from the 25th May, 1990.